

# Northern Nevada APA Local Bylaws:

## Masters Division

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TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INFORMATION IN THE APA OFFICIAL TEAM MANUAL AND FOR RULES/POLICIES OUTLINED IN THE REGULAR NORTHERN NEVADA APA BYLAWS.

### **Masters Division – Play will follow US Amateur rules and format.**

1. There is NO skill level limit. No coaching.
2. A maximum of 4 players will be permitted on a roster; 3 of 4 team members will participate in each team match.
3. Each individual match will be a race to 7 and will include 8 games of 9-Ball and 5 games of 8-Ball. Player will earn 1 point for each game won. A team can earn a maximum of 21 points per night.
4. Captains flip and the winner has the choice to put up first. The winner of the lag then will have choice of game (8-Ball or 9-Ball) or the break. Once the format has been chosen, the entire set of that format must be completed before moving to the next format.
5. Master's 9 Ball – The player has won the game when he has legally pocketed the 9-Ball without scratching.
6. Jump Cues – The use of jump cues is allowed in Masters Division play. Be aware that even though Masters' rules allow for the use of jump cues, "house rule" may choose to limit or strictly prohibit their use.
7. Byes are worth 15 points. Forfeits (individual) are worth 5 points.
8. Pace of Play -- Players should not take more than 20 seconds to shoot on average.
9. If object balls are accidentally disturbed at any time, balls are to be replaced as close to the original position as possible. If this cannot be accomplished and agreed upon by both players, then the game will be replayed. Avoid arguments and ask for someone neutral to "watch the hit" when possible.
10. Marking your pocket: 8 Ball - If it is declared before the match and both players agree, players may decide to only CALL the designated pocket for the 8-Ball in weekly league Masters play, but it must be called loud and clear to the opponent. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST MARKING THE POCKET WITH A PHYSICAL OBJECT TO AVOID DISPUTES. When marking the pocket with a physical object, do NOT use money or table chalk. During Playoffs and higher, the pocket MUST be marked with a physical object.
11. During weekly league Masters play (including Playoffs), masters will be scored using points. However, please note that at the National Masters Championship, matches will be scored by Match wins.
12. If you realize after the fact that an extra game of 8-Ball or 9-Ball has accidentally been played, then that game is scratched and you move on to the other game.
13. Teams in each Masters Division compete for points throughout the regular session. The League Year goes as follows:
  - SUMMER (10 weeks) – approximately May thru July
  - FALL (10 weeks) – approximately August thru October
  - SPRING (12 weeks) – approximately November thru February
14. A team can join the Masters Division at the beginning of any of those 3 sessions. A team has the best chances of qualifying for the Local Masters Championships obviously by starting earlier in the League Year.
15. At the end of each of the above-outlined 3 sessions, we calculate total points earned. If the Division has 8 or more teams, the top points finisher in that session gets an automatic spot in the Local Masters Championships. Following, the next 3 highest placing teams in each division earn a spot in Masters Playoffs, which take place immediately following completion of each session. There are 2 weeks of Playoffs each session. During the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Playoffs, the first seeded team plays against a Wildcard Team (selected via random draw), while the second seeded team plays against the third seeded team. During the second week of Playoffs, the two winning teams

from the first week of Playoffs compete against each other. The winner of that final week of Playoffs progresses to the Local Masters Championships. That's the case in both Summer and Fall sessions. In the Spring session, the process is the same, but – in Spring – the TOP 2 winners from those Playoffs both qualify into the Local Masters Championships (again, that would be in addition to the top points finisher if the division has 8 or more teams that session).

Teams with past due fees are not eligible for the Wildcard Draw and not eligible to compete in Playoffs.

The Local Masters Championships take place sometime in February or March. The date will always be announced several months in advance. All teams who qualified for the event via winning Playoffs during Summer, Fall, and Spring get to compete in these Local Masters Championships. Placement on the tournament board for the Local Masters Championship is completely random (no seeding). The winning team at the Local Masters Championship goes to Vegas. Travel money is awarded. If we end up getting two Vegas spots, which has happened many times, we send the top 2 winning teams to Vegas. Only players on the team who attend the event in Las Vegas get travel money. Money is awarded upon arrival to Las Vegas.

16. Note that each player must play 4 times with their team each session in order to qualify for Playoffs and any other awards.

17. Your Local Masters Championship roster is your SPRING SESSION roster. This is also your Vegas roster if you happen to win. 4 matches are required in Spring in order to participate in the Local Masters Championships and to participate at the national event.

18. Upon qualifying for Local Masters Championships, the team must remain active in the Masters Division with at least 2 original members from that qualifying team.

19. Teams who qualify in Summer must continue in Fall and Spring. Teams who qualify in Fall must continue in Spring. A maximum of 5 INDIVIDUAL game forfeits are allowed each session. In other words, it's not acceptable to continuously forfeit after qualifying. Everyone is paying to play, and excessive forfeiting will not be tolerated. Full team dues are required, even when there are forfeits.

20. Teams who drop (or who are dropped because of excessive forfeits, see above) after the 4<sup>th</sup> week are still responsible for paying weekly dues for the remainder of the session. Players on teams with unpaid dues will not be permitted to play on any Northern Nevada APA team until dues are paid.

21. Players who are participating on a Masters Division roster must have either: at least ten (10) 8-Ball and/or 9-Ball scores (either from one format, or the other, or a combination of the two formats); at least ten (10) matches played in the Masters Division of the League from which they qualified; or at least ten (10) scores/matches of 8-Ball, 9-Ball and/or Masters, within the one year period between March 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025. "

22. Reschedules are discouraged and should only be requested under extenuating circumstances. Teams are allowed two (2) reschedules maximum per session. Make up matches must be played within 3 weeks of the original-scheduled-date (and must take place before the end of the regular session of course). Make up matches must be played at the original scheduled location. A team requesting a reschedule must give their opponents at least 48 hours notice. The opponents need to give the requesting team at least one option of a day and time that works for them. If the requesting team doesn't like the option provided, they will need to go back to the original scheduled date.

23. Playing a player twice is NOT PERMITTED in the Masters Division – not even in the first 4 weeks (effective August 2022).

24. Roster changes are only permitted in the first 4 weeks of each session. Exceptions for later roster changes are only considered for teams NOT yet qualified. In the rare case of approval of such an exception for a not-yet-qualified team, the player coming into replace another player must be equal to or lesser in regards to skill level (league operator discretion will be used). During the first 4 weeks, if a team is making a roster change, that's completely acceptable; however, the team must inform their opponent before the match starts.

25. Patches will be awarded to players for the following in Master division weekly play: 8 on the Break, 8 Break & Run, 9 on the Snap, 9 Break and Run. These are special patches, different than regular league play. If you want the match, you must indicate so on the scoresheet.

26. Bonus Points - Each week, two (2) Bonus Points are awarded in Masters Division when the following conditions are met.

- Your \$30 weekly team fee is paid in full.
- A picture or scanned copy of your scoresheet is emailed to [nvpool@yahoo.com](mailto:nvpool@yahoo.com) (subject line should be team #).
- Your score-sheet is complete and legible.
- Your team has no past due weekly fees.

27. Team fees - \$30 per night regardless of how many players play (including forfeits and Playoffs). Pay online via the APA app.

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## October 2024 Updates & Reminders:

Please note that the APA National Office requires all participants at the APA Masters Championship in Las Vegas in April/May to be on an active Spring Session APA roster - any APA team is fine. In other words, if your team makes it to Vegas, you must be an active APA player on a regular APA team or a Masters team at the time you go to Las Vegas to compete.

This session that runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> thru mid February is effectively what we have always considered as our “Spring Session” (as defined on #13 above) and throughout this entire document. The APA online system will refer to this session as Fall II, but please note that it’s the same thing as Spring. This was a terminology change for this session only due to the fact that the date parameters for the Masters sessions changed so drastically this year when APA moved Masters from August to April/May.

As outlined on #15 above, remember there is only 1 week of Playoffs in each Masters Division this session. BOTH winners in each Masters Division in that Playoff Week progress to the Local Masters Championships at Coconut Bowl on March 1st.

Reminder: Local Masters Championships take place at Coconut Bowl on March 1, 2025. The top two placing teams at that event progress to Vegas for the APA Masters Championship. That event takes place at the Westgate in Las Vegas from April 29 – May 2, 2025.